COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 12th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith in the chair; Ald. Hyman Birrell, Cowan, O'Meara, Labatt, Skinner, Boyd, Moore, Stringer, Browne, Becher, Hunt and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and signed.

London Athletic Club—Application for use of City Hall on evening of June 19th, and for forty-eight hours following, for a pedestrian contest. Not granted, on the following division: Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hyman, Hunt and Becher—5. Nays—O'Meara, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore and Boyd—7.

A. Stewart and sixteen other residents of Maple street—A petition against watering the street.

E. Baynes Reed and fourteen others—Petition that the proposed sidewalk on the north side of Queen's avenue be laid between the two rows of trees, in a similar manner to the one on the south side. No. 2.

Robert Wright and others-- For a sewer on Bathurst and Waterloo. No. 2.

W. M. English—On behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Dundas East Methodist Church, for the use of Queen's Park on the evening of June 19th, for the purpose of holding an ice cream festival. Granted.

Lewis Olmstead—Appealing against income tax for 1882. No. 1.

Jas. McKenzie--Asking to be released from the tenancy of City Hall store on July 1st. No. 1, with power.

D. H. Parry, Secretary pro tem. of the Board of Water Commissioners—The following resolution in reference to the application of Mr. Appleton, of London East, for water:

> "That Mr. Appleton's application for water be referred to the City Council, with a recommendation from this Board that it be granted."

Referred to No. 3.

John McCallard and 104 others, shareholders of the Thames River Navigation Co.—A petition praying that the Council grant them the free use of the hotel at Springbank for the term of three years, and a subsidy of $200 to repair said hotel.

APPLICATION FOR PRIVILEGES.

A deputation appeared from the Thames River Navigation Company on behalf of the above application. On motion, they were heard.

Mr. N. Reid said the Company were at great and constant expense, and would have to engage a steam dredge. He said the intention was to run the Springbank Hotel on strictly temperance principles, and the entire enterprise was for the general benefit of the citizens and residents of the vicinity, so that the Council should give them a little encouragement. He said no matter what enterprise was started in the city there would be some cranks to oppose it. The city had not been getting any rent for the hotel for two years past, and the least they could do was to grant the privilege of using it. The Company would realize no profits the first year.

Mr. Birtwhistle said the hotel was now going to rapid ruin, and this would be the means of saving it and at the same time adding to the comfort of visitors. The shareholders did not expect to make any money out of the scheme.

Ald. Hunt moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the Council grant the hotel at Springbank for the term of one year without charge.

Ald. Skinner moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the petition be not granted. He did this out of respect to those whose friends were lost at the Victoria accident. He believed he could get 10,000 signatures in opposition to running the boats.

Ald. Hunt's amendment was carried on the following division: Yeas—Birrel, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd and Becher. Nays--Ald. Skinner.

WANT THE HALL.

O. Y. B., No. 66.—Applied for the use of the City Hall on August 13th. Granted.

THAT MASONIC BOND.

Col. Lewis appeared on behalf of the Masonic Temple Co., in reference to an account of $3,500 which No. 1 Committee had made a claim upon them for. Before the Temple was finished the Masonic Company had entered into a bond to pay $3,500 towards paying for a portion of the market at the west side of the Temple building on condition that the city made certain improvements, such as sidewalks. The Masonic Company now claim that the erection of fish stalls, the cattle market, etc., had had such a prejudicial effect that they cannot lease the stores on the west side of the Temple now, although they spent an extra $6,000 or $7,000 to fit that part of the building for the purpose of stores.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the application be referred to No. 1 Committee. Carried.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, Chairman—1, That Robert Hueston, livery stable keeper, be allowed a rebate of $12.50 on last year's license, and that the full amount be paid this year; 2, That the following relief account be paid: Geo. McNeil, wood, $19: T. E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $56; Mrs. Ann Webb, board of Matilda Maddiner, an idiot girl, $18; G. T R., pauper passes for month, $36.20; Women's Christian Association, board of Bertha McDonald and George Adams, $14.33; Belleville Deaf and Dumb Institute, sundries for Thomas Green, $28.33; total, $171.85. 3, That the petition of W. T. Peel be granted, subject to the by-law being repealed in his case; 4, That no action be taken in reference to Manville & Co.'s wagons; 5, That the following Hospital accounts be passed: John Ranahan, bread, $34.50; S. Cooper, milk, $41.34; J. Burridge, slippers, $8.20; T. Brock, fish, $7.80; ADVERTISER for one year, $5; Dodd & Son, lumber, $7.54; W. Y. Brunton & Son, material for towels, $9.24; James Perkin, meat, $134.61; T. E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $160.41; pay sheet, $81.75; total, $490.39; 6, That the House Surgeon's report respecting a training school for nurses, be adopted, and that he be empowered to make all arrangements necessary for carrying out the same; 7, That the Engineer notify George T. Dodd that unless he proceeds at once with his work on the Hospital additions, as per contract, that the contract for same will be taken from him and re-let, and should any loss or additional expenses be incurred, he and his sureties will be held liable for same; 8, That the petitions of John Bonser and George G. Magee be referred to the Engineer; 9, That the petition of George Deacon and others was investigated, and we recommend that the building (Market Bazaar) be extended throughout, as the increased rental will pay a large per centage on the investment; 10, That the following Fire Department accounts be paid: Brown & Morris, fire escapes, $15; H. C. Smith, fodder, $27.23; total, $42.23; 11, That the tender of E. Rodgers & Co., for gas plumbing, required in new additions to Hospital, be accepted; amount of tender, $275.

Taken up clause by clause; Nos. 1 and 2 adopted, and 3 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Becher, that the latter part of the clause be struck out. Carried. Yeas: Birrell, O'Meara, Cowan, Hyman, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd and Becher—8. Nays: Labatt, Hunt, Browne and Moore—4.

Clauses 4 and 5 passed, and 6 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Browne moved, and Ald. Skinner seconded, in amendment, that the matter be referred back to the Committee to report details and probable cost of the proposed training school for nurses. Lost, and clause adopted.

Clauses 7 and 8 adopted, and 9 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, that the whole matter be referred back to Committee. Ald. Birrell seconded. Lost, and clause adopted.

Clauses 10 and 11 passed, and report as amended, adopted.

REPORT COMMITTEE NO. 2.

By Ald. Browne, Chairman—1, Passage of pay roll to May 30th, $142.65; Victoria Park, $25.38; Wm. Anthistle, gravel, $142.17; Wm. Cathro, walks, $400; John Bryan, inspection of sewers, $16; J. B. Wells, Blackfriar's Bridge, $30; 2, Hon. John Carling has granted use of his farm for the coming camp, and we would recommend that an inspector be appointed to look after the same during camp; 3, Your Committee has granted permission to the G. T. R. Company to remove block pavement to repair the protecting bars across Richmond street, the Company giving the necessary guarantee to the Engineer, according to by-law; 4, That the Chief of Police be instructed to employ two men to carry out the provisions of the cow by-law, as amended by the City Solicitor at the instance of your Committee, for the better protection of street improvements, which will be submitted with this report; 5, That the by-law respecting verandahs, signs, sign poles and awnings may be passed as presented; 6, That the report of the City Engineer, respecting the fencing of boulevards and the planting of trees, herewith submitted, be adopted, in accordance with the plan passed by your Committee.

Taken up clause by clause; 1, 2 and 3 passed, and 4 read.

Ald. Browne read the new cow by-law, the jurisdiction of which was to extend to all parts of the city. After a long discussion it was referred back to the committee on motion of Ald. Hyman. It was thought the provisions of the by-law were not properly digested, and further, that the limit should be lessened by at least two streets.

Fifth clause read, also the by-law in reference to the taking down of all projecting signs after due notice. Read twice; third reading moved.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment that the by-law be referred back to the Committee, on account of the fact that certain merchants claim to have erected costly signs on the authority of the Committee, and an injustice would be done by forcing them to take them down. Ald. O'Meara seconded. Lost. Third reading carried and by-law adopted.

Clause 6 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment that the matter be referred back to committee to prepare a by-law. He suggested several points that might advantageously be introduced. Ald. Stringer seconded. Carried.

Ald. Browne said there was a by-law prepared already.

It appears that Ald. Browne had brought the by-law in, but having left the Chamber for some documents the by-law was missing when he returned, and did not turn up soon enough for a vote to be taken upon it.

USE OF THE HALL GRANTED.

Ald. Moore made application on behalf of the W. C. T. U. for use of the City Hall one evening this week for a lecture and entertainment. Granted.

REPORT OF NO. ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—Payment of the following accounts: Debenture issue, advertising, $153; insurance, $320; incidental expenses, $15; printing and advertising, $169.90; stationery, E. H. Kordes, $11; H. Winder, rent of southern pound, $12.50; Hospital, for May, $490.37; relief, $171.86; Fire Department, $42.26; total, $1,385.90; 2. That the petitions of Sarah, Henry and Louise S. Hockin for remission of taxes be granted; 3. That the petition of Barbara May, for remission of taxes, be filed; 4. Progress on the petitions of Anne McDonough, May Donnelly and Mary Reid; 5. Your Committee again report progress in the petition of E. C. Christie, Sec. W. C. T. U., and the communication of the assessors; 6. Your Committee have taken into consideration Ald. Stringer's motion referred to your Committee, and beg to submit the accompanying by-law to provide substitutes during the absence from the city of any member or members of any of the several Committee; 7. That the tender of J. R. Minhinnick of 39 cents on the dollar for the new issue of ($175,000) debentures be accepted; 8. That in order to prevent unnecessary delay, and also to assist your Committee in furnishing to the Council the estimates for 1883 as early as possible in August next, the Council request No. 2 and No. 3 Committees, Board of Health, Police Department and Board of Education to furnish to the Council at its first meeting in July the estimated receipts and expenditure of their several departments to the close of the year 1883.

The report was taken up clause by clause. Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 passed, and 6 read.

Ald. Hyman read the by-law providing that when any member of the Council was about to leave the city for any reason, or when a member was absent from illness, the Council could appoint another to fill his place upon committees. At the suggestion of Ald. Boyd it was amended so that the Alderman selected by the Council should be from the same ward as the absent member. The by-law was read three times and passed.

Clause 7 read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Beecher moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that Committee Number One be instructed to advertise for tenders again, and to insert advertisements in the old London Times, three issues, until August 1st. Carried

Clause 8 read and passed, and report as amended, adopted.

WATER FOR LONDON SOUTH.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the Board of Water Commissioners, do grant water to London South at the same rate (1⅜) as offered to parties in London East. Carried.

PAVEMENT RATES.

A by-law was read three times and passed to provide for levying a rate to pay for the construction of the block pavement on Dundas street, between Richmond and Wellington streets; also a by-law to the same effect applying to the Richmond street pavement.

Adjourned for three weeks.